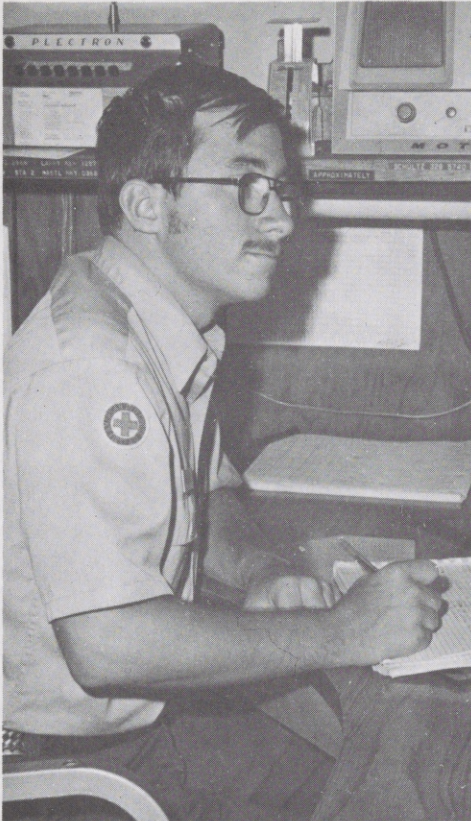


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**FAE Gary Stenberg**  
Credited with rescue

## Flames trap driver

# Stenberg rescues injured man, truck explodes

By Richard E. Caddy  
Fire Prevention Officer

**Perris, Riverside Co.**—A Division of Forestry fire apparatus engineer is credited with a major role in saving the life of a truck driver trapped in the flaming wreckage of his rig last autumn.

FAE Gary B. Stenberg, 22, enroute to his duty station at LaQuinta on Oct. 27, noticed the sudden eruption of a dark column of smoke east of Cabazon on Interstate 10.

On arrival at the accident scene FAE Stenberg found truck driver Duncan Hugh MacDonald's rig, which had veered into the median strip, broken through both the guard rail and concrete wall and dropped into the culvert 25 feet below the highway.

The truck's gasoline tank had been ripped from the truck and was furiously burning approximately seven feet from the truck cab in which MacDonald was trapped. After a cursory examination it was determined that MacDonald had a possible spinal injury.

FAE Stenberg, with Bob Bryant, a

Highgrove, Riverside County, volunteer fireman, and State Traffic Officer Russ Colombo, who had arrived shortly after Stenberg, removed the injured man.

Several minutes after the victim's removal, the gasoline tank exploded engulfing the area surrounding the vehicle in flame.

In a letter of commendation, Capt. R. S. Martin of the highway patrol's Banning Area office said: "Your quick action and unselfish devotion to mankind undoubtedly saved the injured driver from further injury and possible death. Your actions are greatly appreciated . . . and you are to be commended for your quick action and the initiative you took in this emergency situation."

FAE Stenberg, a 3 1/2-year Division of Forestry-Riverside County Fire Dept. veteran, started his career as a fireman in Orange County in 1969. He was promoted to his current position with Riverside County on July 1, 1971.

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# The message remains

The message hasn't changed much over the years. Frank Villalovos, assistant director of Los Osos Ecology Center, found this old warning, dated 1921 and bearing the name of then-State Forester George Homans, while helping demolish an old house at Cedar Springs in the Silver Wood Lake area. Although copies of the original poster have been made, the one discovered by Villalovos appears to be an original.--Photo by Mitchell Finberg.



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# CDF tree seedlings win national recognition

Davis--Beauty queens, prize squashes, tomatoes and grapes are not the only objects that can win ribbons in contests and exhibits--tree seedlings occasionally have this opportunity; and some from the Division of Forestry's three nurseries received their share in a recent national contest.

Some 67 tree species were represented from 64 forest nurseries throughout the country entering seedlings in the contest which was held as part of the annual meeting of the American Forestry Association in New Orleans last fall.

Davis Nursery Manager Jay Eden entered one-year-old Sierra and coast redwood container stock and received two ribbons: a red second place ribbon for the Sierra redwood and a



Davis Headquarters Nursery Manager Jay Eden looks approvingly at the awards won for seedlings entered in the American Forestry Association's New Orleans national forest tree seedling exhibit and competition.

white third for the coast entry.

Ted Paul, manager of Magalia Nursery, reports blue ribbons for his two-year-old Jeffrey pine and Sierra redwood while John Ritchey, manager of Ben Lomond Nursery, received third place for his two-year-old Scotch pine in a group of 18 entries.

Theme of the meeting was "Trees for People," and 48 state foresters pledged to reforest a total of 40 million acres in the next 10 years. Of this amount, California promised reforestation of 111,000 acres of state and private land.

Harry Camp, director of the Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, attended the meeting as a representative of State Forester Lewis Moran.

## Ed Miller: a tribute

By George Dudley

*There are rangers and then there are rangers. All of them influence the lives around them. All of them have an impact on the resources they strive to protect. But some of them, without headlines or fanfare, quietly redirect and move almost everyone with whom they come in contact. Such a ranger was the late Ed Miller of San Diego Ranger Unit.*

*After learning his trade on the Cleveland National Forest, Ed Miller took the reins as state forest ranger in charge of the San Diego Ranger Unit in the mid-1920s. Shining the spotlight at the start of his career with Ranger-at-Large Luther Gordon, whose home was in San Diego, Miller quietly and efficiently laid the foundation under the youngsters of his day who later became leaders in the Division of Forestry.*

*That the Miller Forest Fire Station near Fallbrook was named for him in the late 1960s is an indication of his impact on the area.*

*To know what kind of man he really was, you have to talk to those who worked with him. "I deeply loved that man . . ." says one man whose emotions seldom show. "He was a no-nonsense ranger. Very strict, but also very fair," says another.*

*Among present-day "old-timers" it is agreed that Ed Miller was a father-image to the younger employees; to the more experienced, he was "the man."*

*Miller retired from active duty in the Division of Forestry in 1950. He died quietly at the age of 91 last June. His contribution to his fellow man will be felt for some time.*

*A partial list of those whose careers began or were furthered under Ed's tutelage include Fred Dunow, Mike Schori, Bob Marshall, Gene Bertsch, Grace Myers, Clark Rockwell, John Hastings, Len Chatten, Emmett Donohue, Cusley Francis, Shorty Compton, Bart Myers, Slim Carlson, Andy Anderson, Bill Jamieson, Dolph Hink and many more.*

*Those who knew Ed and still remain may have many words of praise--but none more expressive than "thanks."*

## How tax reform package affects state renters

By Joseph P. DeLu  
Administrative Advisor

**Sacramento--**Some Division of Forestry employees are living in houses owned by the state and are so situated because of the requirements of their jobs. The rental charges are set by the Department of General Services according to a formula. In many instances, the rent required to be paid is lower than would have to be paid for a comparable house. When the county assessor discovers that a person is getting a break in their rent, they tax what they call his (the employee-renter) "possessory interest."

It may be of interest to these renters that Senate Bill 90, the tax reform legislation signed by Gov. Reagan, has made provisions for giving credit to renters in situations described. They are now permitted to obtain credits of \$25-\$45. The amount that will be credited is determined by their adjusted gross income. If the gross, say, comes to \$5,000 a year, the credit would be \$25. If it exceeds \$8,000, the credit would be \$45.

To be eligible, you have to be a "qualified renter." A "qualified renter" includes any normal family situation such as where the husband and wife are both living together with their family. If you are now occupying a state-owned house and if you are being taxed for your possessory interest, it will be worth your while to obtain a credit. Your county assessor will give you further information.

## Olin Wright retires

**Mt. Bullion, Mariposa County--**CDF Foreman Olin Wright, 60, was honored at a triple retirement party at Mariposa in December jointly with two California Youth Authority co-workers.



Wright started as a firetruck driver nearly 20 years ago at Los Banos and served in adjacent counties during his entire career. He advanced to captain and in 1957 moved into the camp program as a foreman at Coarsegold and Mt. Bullion youth camps.

He will continue to live in Chowchilla and plans to work with his sons in a trailer sales firm at Madera.

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## Fourth year

# Oil, gas production declines

By Ray Rothermel  
Oil & Gas Correspondent

**Sacramento**--The annual decline in California oil and gas production that began in 1968 continued again in 1972, according to the latest figures issued last month by the State Division of Oil and Gas.

State Oil and Gas Supervisor John F. Matthews Jr., said the figures show a drop of 0.5 percent for oil and 11.2 percent for gas. This year's decline in oil production is not as great as the one occurring in 1971, however, when the decline was 4 percent; but the decline for state gas production was nearly double that registered in 1971.

The decline in the state's oil and gas production first started in 1969 when a moratorium on offshore drilling was imposed by the State Lands Commission after the well blowout in the Santa Barbara channel. Since then, oil and gas production has declined 13 percent and 27 percent, respectively.

Matthews said that although the 1972 decline in oil production has been arrested somewhat, this is expected to be short-lived. The arrest is attributed mainly to production stimulation efforts in some of California's largest fields--mainly Huntington Beach field in Orange County and Kern River and Midway Sunset fields in Kern County.

"Soaring consumer demands for energy coupled with the downward trend in state oil and gas production is an unhealthy and alarming trend for the state's economy," Matthews said. "It further points up the existence of an energy crunch in California."

## Mayfield appointed

**Willits, Mendocino Co.**--John M. Mayfield Jr., deputy director of the Department of Conservation from August 1968-January 1971, has been named to the North Coast Regional Commission by Gov. Reagan. The commission was established for coastal protection responsibilities under Proposition 20, passed by the voters last November.

Mayfield is now executive vice president of Microphor, Inc., a Willits-based manufacturing firm. His home is in nearby Ukiah.

## CDF expands facilities

**San Luis Obispo**--A new dispatch center, living quarters, conference room and drafting-map room are being added to Division of Forestry headquarters here. The dispatch center will accommodate a new \$25,000 console arriving in April.

# CDF deputies transfer

## Fairbank, Grogan will swap assignments

**Sacramento**--The district deputy state foresters for the North Coast and Sierra Cascade Districts will exchange assignments on March 1, State Forester Lew Moran has announced.

Charles Fairbank, deputy for the North Coast District and headquartered at Santa Rosa, moves to Redding while Deputy George Grogan leaves the Sierra Cascade District.

## Charles Fairbank

**Santa Rosa**--Charles Fairbank, the deputy state forester in charge of the North Coast District since 1953, has been a Division of Forestry employee for 32 years.

His career began as assistant ranger in Nevada County in 1938. In 1941 he was appointed forest technician in the mapping section of the division's headquarters in Sacramento.

Fairbank was on military leave during World War II, serving as a naval officer in the Pacific Theatre.

He returned to CDF in 1946 as ranger in charge of Sonoma Ranger Unit and the following year was promoted to assistant deputy for the North Coast District.

In 1951 Fairbank returned to Sacramento headquarters and was in



**Charles Fairbank**

Veteran of 32 years in CDF

charge of the forestry equipment engineering section, where he remained until the 1953 promotion to deputy and reassignment back to the North Coast District.

## Fresno personnel raise

### \$150 for burn center

By Robert N. Keepers

Ranger I

**Fresno**--Employees assigned to Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit at their year end party raised \$150 for presentation to the Valley Medical Center Burn Unit.

Harold Kindig, fire captain assigned to the Hurley Fire Station, proposed the project, "acquired" through former business associates appropriate prized and was responsible for its success.

Ranger William Pennington, of the Fresno-Kings Ranger Unit, made the presentation, on behalf of the employees, to Manuel Perez, Valley Medical Center administrator. Any organization or individual donating \$100 or more will have their name inscribed upon a plaque to be placed in the lobby at the center.

Perez noted that \$150,000 would be required to complete the burn unit, of which \$30,000 will provide the necessary equipment. To date, \$20,000 has been pledged--of this, the Valley Medical Center hospital employees have pledged \$10,000.

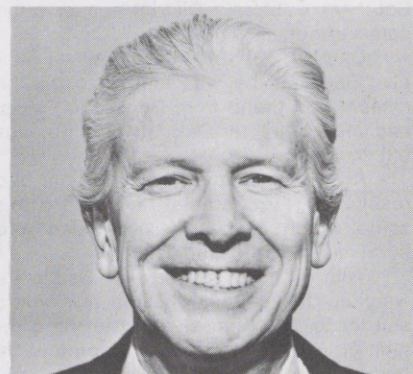
Fresno County Board of Supervisors will pay half of the construction costs and annually will provide payment for 20 percent of the operations.

Perez noted that when the burn unit is in operation on July 1, 1973, it will be the only complete unit located between Los Angeles and San Francisco. He further noted the major patient load comes from industrial employees and children burned in home fires.

## George Grogan

**Redding**--Deputy State Forester George Grogan has been the Division of Forestry's chief executive in the Sierra Cascade District for 17 of the 24 years he has worked for the division.

Grogan began his forestry career as a field forester with the Red River Lumber Co. at Westwood, Lassen Co., and joined CDF as a forest technician in Shasta County. In his first CDF assignment, Grogan was in charge of Latour State Forest.



**George Grogan**

Moving to Santa Rosa

Grogan moved to the North Coast District in 1951, heading the forest management program for the district.

In 1955 he was promoted to deputy state forester and returned to the Sierra Cascade District.



## 'Significant expansion' for corps?

### Earthquakes and forests get play in 'state of state'

**Sacramento**--The California Ecology Corps, funding for seismic investigations and new forest practice legislation were among the topics included by Gov. Reagan in his State of the State message to the Legislature on Jan. 11.

The governor, who launched the corps program in April 1971, said it has been "especially effective" in protecting the environment and providing "useful work for young men seeking constructive employment."

"This year," the governor advised lawmakers, "we will ask your support for a significant expansion of the ecology corps, to give this opportunity to additional young men."

"Every tree they plant, every forest fire they help subdue, means a better environment for future generations,"

Reagan said.

The governor noted that the earthquake council he appointed last year has recommended a series of actions to minimize loss of life or property in these natural disasters. "We are implementing these recommendations, including funds for additional seismic investigations," the governor said.

Jim Stearns, former director of the Department of Conservation and now a member of the Governor's Cabinet, is council chairman. State Geologist Wes Bruer is the secretary, and staff assistance is provided through the Division of Mines and Geology.

The governor also called for a "balanced forest practices act" to succeed temporary legislation under which forest practice rules have been enacted.

## Information officer appointment announced

**Sacramento**--Appointment of Joann Stout Wilson as information officer for the Department of Conservation has been announced here by Assistant Director Gerald E. Newton, the department's public information chief.

Mrs. Wilson's experience includes reporting and editing assignments with daily and weekly newspapers and radio. She has also been a high school journalism instructor. She was graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and completed her graduate studies at the University of Arizona at

Tucson.

Newton said Mrs. Wilson's new duties will include news release preparation, writing and editing of reports and bulletins and editing the *Com-munique*.

### Uniform checks

**Sacramento**--The state controller's office reports that uniform allowance checks have been sent to some employees and the balance of the checks will be out in the early part of February.

## Sam--legend in his own time

By Thomas Aitken

Oak Glen Conservation Camp

**Yucaipa, San Bernardino County**--A legend has come to an end within the Southern California District conservation camp circuit.

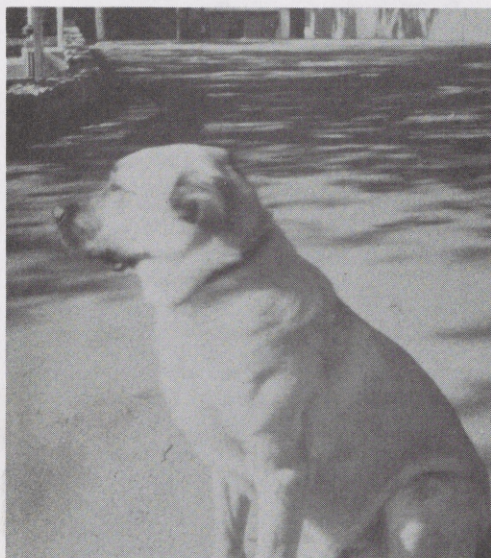
On Nov. 28, 1972, Sebastian--or simply "Sam" as he was known to us--the mascot and friend from Don Lugo Camp, and more recently Oak Glen Camp, was put to sleep.

An earlier encounter with a bear had resulted in irreparable damage to his spine which eventually developed into paralysis of both hind legs.

With a heart as big as Sam's--he weighed 165 pounds--the old boy would still try to drag himself daily to the crew load-up area to see the men depart, as he had done for the last six years.

Veterinarians in Redlands and animal surgeons in Whittier and Arcadia all came up with the same prognosis, and all concurred that there was no alternative.

Sam had been a gift to the Don Lugo Conservation Camp from the Modjeska Canyon Community as a result of many heroic efforts towards saving lives and property during the disastrous floods within Orange County in 1969.



# 'S A M'

## Fresno youth scores in poster contest

By Dick Ford

**Fresno**--Glenn Thiessen, of Fresno and a freshman at Tabor College in Kansas, won second place in the senior high division of the annual western international forest fire prevention poster contest held this month at Seattle.



Competition included entries from five western states and British Columbia and was judged during the annual meeting of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association.

Other California winners included Scott Johnson of Fresno, honorable mention in senior high division; Michael Hober of Clearlake Highlands, second place in junior high division; and Loren Miraglia of Corning, second place in primary division.

## 'On call' limousine service for airport

**Sacramento**--The Transportation Division of the Department of General Services has initiated "on call" airport limousine service for state employees.

This new service, which is expected to reduce the number of state vehicles parked at Sacramento Metropolitan Airport, is available from the "on call" station located at the State Garage.

Employees leaving Sacramento may request limousine service at the State Garage stop by phoning the Yellow Cab dispatcher at 444-2222, and giving the flight number and the name of the airline.

The current airline and limousine schedules are posted in the garage dispatch office, which serves as a waiting room for state airline passengers each weekday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

When arriving in Sacramento, state employees must notify the limousine driver that they wish to be left at the State Garage. The airport limousine stop is located on the curb area between the entrance and exit to the State Garage at 10th and O Streets. The City of Sacramento has designated this parking area as an "airport limousine stop."

The "on call" service has been approved by the Public Utilities Commission and the Sacramento traffic engineer. The present cost for the garage-to-airport motor service is \$2.20.

### Corpsmen assist

**Bishop**--Inyo Ecology Center corpsmen recently assisted in a community project to enlarge Bishop City Park.



# Handbook ready on CDF 'Physical Fitness Program'

**Sacramento**--All Division of Forestry safety members will soon be receiving their individual copy of the new "Physical Fitness Program" handbook. This handbook was generated and tried out in the San Bernardino pilot unit and polished further at the PF coordinators workshop.

As State Forester Lew Moran says in the foreword--"The goal is to conserve your physical resources over a career span so that you can enjoy good health, meet the physical challenges of a demanding occupation, and be able to enter the retirement years or a second career in the same shape. That's a big order, but achievable."

How the individual can maintain his physical fitness with the division's assistance is what the handbook is all about.

## Expectations

For openers some positive results that can be expected are spelled out. The screening process is outlined that begins the occupational health emphasis running throughout the program.

About \$100,000 will be spent this first year on thorough medical examinations to let employees age 40 and over know where they stand physically before beginning a fitness program. Employees under age 40 will learn this through a health questionnaire (and medical exam if needed) as reviewed by Dr. Patrick J. Clancy, medical consultant.

The object is to start in gently with those kinds of exercise activities which are tailored to the employee's present capacities and progress from there.

A variety of exercise programs are provided for through unit physical fitness coordinators who will be trained to assist unit supervisors and employees in developing individual physical fitness plans. For the 10 to 15 percent of

employees who are overweight, ideas are presented to cope with that problem.

In keeping with a management-by-objectives approach, progress toward agreed upon physical fitness goals will be evaluated twice a year--in April and in October. Height, weight, step test pulse recovery rates and nine minimal exercise tests will be used as indicators.

The individual's record becomes a part of his overall performance considerations with his supervisor. A unit summary report will be compiled at each level in the organization for accounting to managers. In total, it will present a picture of what shape an outfit is in prior to fire season and also at the close of the season.

## Charts included

Charts are included on desirable and maximal weights and step test ranges. The nine performance tests are described in detail with the acceptable range of achievements. The handbook concludes with a bibliography of exercise literature that is available through unit physical fitness coordinators.

Moran sums it up in his closing comment, "It's still up to you to take advantage of what a well-planned and executed physical fitness program can do for your body and mind. (Director Ray Hunter) and I believe that all you smoke-eaters will enthusiastically accept this program."

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## New year's baby

**Fresno**--Baby New Year honors for Fresno County were claimed by Mr. and Mrs. Lou Perez with the arrival of a 7 pound 1 ounce baby boy at 12:03 a.m. on New Year's Day at Fresno's St. Agnes Hospital. Lou, quite logically, is supervising engineer at the CDF's Fresno district offices.

## Ranger unit table tennis tryouts

**Riverside**--San Bernardino and Orange Ranger Units have recently been holding competitive table tennis matches to sharpen up their game for the Fireman's Olympics to be held in the Los Angeles area this June.

The first table tennis match was held in San Bernardino with San Bernardino winning 13 of the 25 matches played. In doubles competition, the Orange personnel came up with four wins and two losses.

However, in the return bout at the Orange County Laguna Station, Orange won 26 of the 42 singles matches and lost two out of the three doubles matches.

An average of six players from each ranger unit have been competing. Rich Malsack, edged by Dennis Bebensee at both meets, took the top player award.

Bebensee was the recent gold medal winner in the Class C singles division Fireman's Olympics which was held in San Francisco. He also won a bronze medal in the Class A-B doubles division.

In the first annual olympics, over 700 firemen met and competed in such events as track and field, swimming, weightlifting, basketball, volleyball, bowling, cycling, golf, pool, handball and shooting.

Other ranger units are invited to form teams and become a part of the Fireman's Olympics to promote physical fitness and at the same time develop an esprit de corps.

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## Flood control duties

**Napa**--Four inmate crews from Konocti Conservation Camp in Lake County were used to help sandbag breaks in a Napa River levee south of here during heavy rains in mid-January.

One Los Osos Ecology Center was involved in flood control work for the State Department of Parks and Recreation at Big Sur.



CDF truck puts in some cold weather duty in Nevada City.

## CDF helps hospital stay warm during freeze

**Nevada City**--CDF personnel here were busy supplying water to a local hospital during the heavy freeze in December.

Nevada County General Hospital was out of water due to an ice-blocked ditch, Ranger Mike Brock said. The water was needed to provide steam heat for the hospital building.

CDF and the 49er Fire Dist. were requested to supply emergency water to the hospital. A 1,200-foot one-inch hose lay was connected to a division truck and water was pumped continuously for 70 hours during temperatures of 3 to 35 degrees.



## Drohan, Swanson staff new unit in Stearns' office

**Sacramento**--The Department of Conservation's two top employee relations specialists have taken new assignments on the staff of former Director James Stearns.

William D. Drohan, assistant to the director and administrator of the Personnel Program Development Unit, will head a new employee relations unit within the Agriculture and Services Agency. Former Director Stearns is secretary of the agency and a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

John L. Swanson, the department's former personnel program development officer, is also assigned to the new unit in Stearns' agency office.

Drohan was assistant to the director for a year and before that was the department's special assistant for employee-employer relations. He is a retired labor union executive.

Prior to service as personnel program development officer, Swanson headed the personnel unit as personnel officer.

Many of the programs administered for the past year by the Personnel Program Development Unit--physical fitness, Career Opportunity Development, "PEP" and others--have been reassigned to the Division of Forestry and placed under the supervision of Deputy State Forester Melvin Pomponio.

Employment Opportunities Officer John R. (Buck) Oneto has been reassigned to the Division of Forestry along with his assistant, Cherie Carson and a stenographer, Faith Barkis. The unit's senior steno, Carol Silva, has been assigned to the personnel office.

## Guard valuables

**Sacramento**--State employees are reminded again that while at work they should give the same attention to the security of their personal valuables as they would in any other public place, according to A. S. Roxburgh, assistant director of the department's Management Services.

"This probably has greatest application to the women employees who may fail to place their purses or other valuables in a safe place while they are away from their immediate work station," concluded Roxburgh.

## Firemen save feed

**Sanger**--Division of Forestry firemen here recently made a spectacular \$100,000 savings in a feed elevator fire the hard way.

For eight hours three engine companies shoveled to keep ahead of flames at the Coit Ranch west of Mendota. Finally they emptied 17 tons of beet pulp and barley from the tower before they won the battle.

Loss was held at \$5,000.

## Forssbeck succumbs

**Sacramento**--Gunnar Forssbeck, retired assistant civil engineer in the Engineering and Camps Section of The State Division of Forestry, died here Jan. 8.

Forssbeck, 63, worked with the CDF from Feb. 8, 1945, until his retirement on June 21, 1967. His greatest contribution was the development of our currently used Chapter 2130, Acquisition of Rights-of-Way in the division's Manual of Instruction.

He was a native of Sweden and had lived here for the past 27 years. He was the champion cross-country skier of California in 1937. During the 1960 Olympics in Squaw Valley, he was an official for the cross-country ski events.

Before World War II, he was a civil engineer with the Michigan-California Lumber Co. in Placerville. During the war, he served with the Army ski troops.

He was the husband of Gullevi Forssbeck of Sacramento, and the brother of Capt. Bengt Forssbeck of the Swedish Royal Navy.

## Former foreman dies

**Santa Cruz**--Tilghman O. White, retired warehouse foreman in Calaveras Ranger Unit, died here Jan. 1.

"T.O.," as he was known by his friends, had been living in the Santa Cruz area since he retired from the Division of Forestry in 1960.

White was the husband of Barbara White of Santa Cruz, and the father of Raymond E. White of Sebastopol.

## Retired ranger dies

**Paradise**--Miles H. Young, retired state forest ranger II, died Dec. 26 after a long illness.

Young began his career with the Division of Forestry in 1927 in Lassen County, and over the years served the division in the Central Coast District and in Trinity, Butte and Lake Counties.

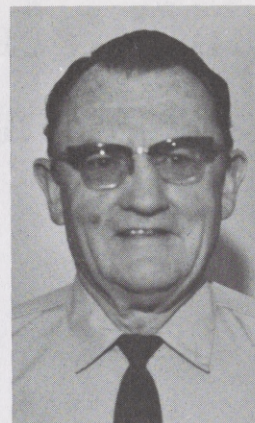
His final tour of duty was from 1958 to April 1965 in the Calaveras Ranger Unit from which he retired.

## Hector Reed praised for training help

**Jone**--A training program administered to Jackson's volunteer firemen by Ranger Hector Reed, an instructor at the Division of Forestry Fire Academy, has won praise from city officials.

Reed, who is a volunteer fireman in Jackson, has devoted many hours of off-duty time (from his instructor's duties) to training his colleagues on the fire department.

"The training that we have received from Hector has upgraded the JFD so much that the residents of Jackson have commented to us on the difference in fire suppression and the attitude of the members," said Councilman Michael E. Spinetti, the city's fire commissioner; and Fire Chief Patrick M. Tallon Sr.



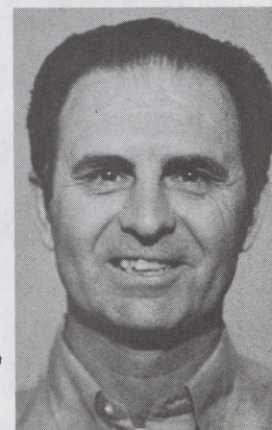
Bill Jamieson



Mike Brock



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Richard A. Miralles



# Rangers moving

By Bob Burns  
and Sharon Main

Two retirements and one promotion have triggered a series of moves among the Division of Forestry classification of ranger IV.

Ranger William A. Jamieson of Humboldt-Del Norte Ranger unit has retired. Ranger Mike Brock of Nevada-Yuba-Placer retires in July after almost 40 years of state service.

Ranger Gary Todd of Lake-Napa (including Colusa and Yolo) is slated for promotion, said State Forester Lew Moran. His new assignment will be announced later.

The retirements and pending promotion will result in these changes, effective by the start of the 1973 fire season:

Ranger James H. Dulitz of the San Luis Obispo Ranger Unit will replace retired Ranger Jamieson in the Humboldt-Del Norte post at Fortuna.

Dulitz first came to CDF in 1941 as a firefighter in San Luis Obispo. In 1947 he was named assistant ranger in Tulare County and in 1950 was promoted to associate ranger in Mariposa County. He was also assigned in Riverside and Orange Counties.

Dulitz moved to Monterey with a promotion to ranger I and then returned to San Luis Obispo, first as ranger I and later as ranger II. In 1968 his position was upgraded to ranger III.

Ranger III Byron Carniglia, Sierra Cascade District fire control officer, has been promoted to ranger IV and will assume charge of Lake-Napa replacing Ranger Todd.

Carniglia began his work for CDF in 1948-50 as a firefighter. Then he promoted to driver in 1950 in Sonoma County. In 1952 he became a fire crew foreman and eventually promoted to associate ranger in Sonoma Ranger Unit.

In 1969 Carniglia came to Sacramento headquarters as a ranger I, serving in the fire control section. He moved to Redding in 1971.

Ranger John T. Odgers, who will replace Ranger Brock when he retires from his post in Auburn, joined the Division of Forestry as a firefighter in Nevada County in 1944. He worked his way up from a truck driver slot and then in 1951 he went on military leave, returning in 1952.

Odgers was named assistant ranger in Fresno in 1955 and moved to Humboldt Ranger Unit in 1957.

In 1965 Odgers moved to Santa Clara Ranger Unit as associate ranger and in 1965 assumed command of Santa Cruz RU as a ranger I. He was promoted to ranger II in 1968 and in 1970 was placed in charge of the merged San Mateo-Santa Cruz RU.

*Retired: Jamieson*

*Retiring: Brock*

*Promoted: Todd*

*Siskiyou: Miralles*

*Humboldt: Dulitz*

*San Luis Obispo: Waddell*

*Nevada-Yuba-Placer: Odgers*

*Lake-Napa: Carniglia*

*Amador-El Dorado: Smith*

*San Mateo-Santa Cruz: Voss*

Robert Voss will succeed Odgers in the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Ranger Unit.

Ranger Theodore J. (Ted) Waddell will move from Amador-El Dorado Ranger Unit to San Luis Obispo, replacing Dulitz.

Waddell began his career in the field of forestry with the U. S. Forest Service in 1947. He left USFS in 1952 and joined the Division of Forestry, starting as an assistant ranger in the Central Coast District.

He transferred to Mendocino County in 1956 as assistant forest technician and then returned to his former district in 1957 and was promoted to associate ranger and later to ranger I at Monterey. As ranger I, Waddell served as conservation camp coordinator.

Waddell was promoted to ranger II to 1965 and placed in charge of the former Nevada-Yuba Ranger Unit. He moved to Amador-El Dorado in 1970.

Ranger Ralph L. Smith, in charge of Siskiyou Ranger Unit at Yreka, will replace Waddell in Amador-El Dorado headquarters at Camino.

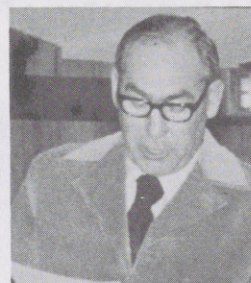
Smith came to work for CDF in 1946 as a firefighter. He has held various assignments in Sierra Cascade District while receiving promotions to his present classification as ranger IV.

Smith's slot will be assumed by Richard A. Miralles, Sierra Cascade District's camp coordinator. Miralles, a ranger III, will be promoted to ranger IV.

Miralles began his career with CDF in 1948 as a forest firefighter. He then returned to school and later resumed his forestry career in 1951 after a brief stint with private industry.

He worked in Redding and in 1954 was promoted to assistant ranger in Tulare and in 1957 to associate ranger in Fresno.

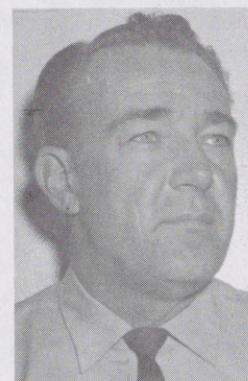
Miralles was promoted to ranger I in Fresno headquarters and placed in charge of South Sierra District conservation camps in 1959. In 1965 he moved to Redding, first as fire prevention officer and then was promoted to ranger III.



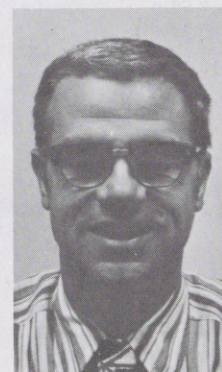
James Dulitz



Theodore J. Waddell



John T. Odgers



Byron Carniglia



# Summary of Sen. Nejedly's SB 5--Forest Practice Act

**Sacramento**--A new, permanent Forest Practice Act would be implemented if the State Legislature adopts Senate Bill 5, introduced in January by Sen. John Nejedly.

Titled the Forest Practice Act of 1973, Sen. Nejedly's bill would involve the following:

1--*Proposed major overhaul of forest practice regulation.* Would repeal existing Forest Practice Act and enact the Forest Practice Act of 1973.

2--*Reconstitutes Board of Forestry consisting of nine members* representing the general public interest, specifies qualifications of board members, makes board independent of director of conservation, provides \$50 per day up to \$2,000 per year per member and up to \$2,500 per year for the board chairman for official duties. Governor designates the chairman. Allows appointment of executive officer exempt from civil service. Maintains an adequate forest policy and requires state forester to carry out board policy under director's supervision.

3--*Board to annually determine state needs for forest management* research and recommend needed projects to the governor and legislature and provide for a statewide program of research in the technical phases of forest management. State agencies to submit to board plans for and results of all investigations that effect forest resource utilization for review and comment.

4--*Board to have a forest management information storage and retrieval program and public information program.*

5--*State forester to have an adequate number of qualified employees to perform the duties required of the Forest Practice Act of 1973, including review of timber*

harvesting plans and inspections of timber operations.

6--*Board to submit to legislature annually on Dec. 1 accomplishments of preceding year and legislative recommendations necessary to more fully carry out purposes of Act.*

7--*Director, by Dec. 1, 1975, to make recommendations to board and legislature for improvements in the Act, including but not limited to:*

\*Desirability of requiring a performance bond of timber operators or timber owners or both.

\*Desirability of requiring that all timber harvesting plans be prepared by registered professional foresters.

\*An evaluation of instruments, techniques and procedures available for use in monitoring soil loss and a determination, if possible, of permissible levels of soil loss.

## Forest districts

Within three months the Board of Forestry would divide the state into not less than three forest districts. Within six months an eight-man district technical advisory committee would be named for each district.

The board would adopt district rules within nine months "to assure continuous growing and harvesting of commercial tree species and to protect the soil, air, fishery and water resources.

## Madera driver killed

**Madera**--Kenneth Logan, 24, a relief CDF engineer in Madera County valley operations, was killed in an off-duty automobile accident on Dec. 27.

A native of Visalia, Logan started his state career in 1967 and subsequently served a three-year enlistment in the U. S. Army.

## Tehama County Fair Board president

By Ira Townsend  
Fire Prevention Officer

**Red Bluff**--Robert Kerstiens, operations ranger for the Tehama-Glenn Ranger Unit, was elected president of the Tehama County Fair Board of Directors at the board's regular meeting on Jan. 4.

Kerstiens was appointed to the board by Gov. Reagan in 1971 and he served as vice president last year.

In the past couple of years Kerstiens, other board members and Fair Manager Bard Saunders have been highly instrumental in bringing many new innovations to the Tehama County Fair. Among these was the addition of Tehama-Glenn Ranger Unit's permanent gazebo fair display.

## A lot of long weekends in 1973

**Sacramento**--California state employees will get 10 more holidays in 1973--including seven more three-day weekends.

All the holidays this year fall on a Monday except Independence Day (Wednesday), Thanksgiving Day (Thursday), and Christmas (Tuesday).

Both holidays this month fall on a Monday--Lincoln's birthday on Feb. 12 and Washington's birthday on Feb. 19--giving state workers two three-day weekends in succession.

The traditional May 30 Memorial Day holiday will be on Monday, May 28, this year, making the third three-day weekend of the year.

Wednesday, July 4, is the next day off and will be followed by two long weekends in September--Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 3, and Admission Day on Monday, Sept. 10.

October gives a three-day rest on two weekends before the year-end festivities--Monday, Oct. 8, Columbus Day, and Monday, Oct. 22, Veterans' Day.

The fourth Thursday in November is again Thanksgiving and falls on Nov. 22 this year.

The last holiday of 1973 will be Christmas on Tuesday, Dec. 25. The first holiday, already past, was, of course--New Year's Day, on Monday, Jan. 1.

## Mountain Home timber sale

**Springville, Tulare County**--A timber sale involving two million board feet of pine and fir has been scheduled at Mountain Home State Forest, according to Forest Manager Dick Schoenheide.

Bids were opened by the California Division of Forestry at Visalia last week for cutting high risk standing trees on 90 acres east of Wishon Fork of Tule River in the northeast portion of the state forest located in Tulare County.

The proposed sale includes over 600,000 board feet each of ponderosa pine, sugar pine and white fir and a small volume of incense cedar.

## Riverside's Martin directs forest licensing project

**Sacramento**--Ed Martin, forester III, has been appointed executive officer of the Foresters' Licensing Program.

Martin was transferred last month from Riverside to Division of Forestry headquarters here.

The Board of Forestry will hold a special meeting on or about March 7 to adopt regulations to effectuate the law establishing the new Foresters' Licensing Program.

Applications for foresters licensing can not be accepted prior to that date, according to Martin.

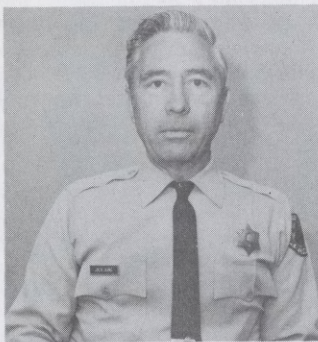


Robert Kerstiens



## Four forestry men complete 100 years

### Jack King



Ranger *Jack King*, operations officer in San Luis Obispo Ranger Unit, received his 25-year service award during a surprise ceremony during the employee's Christmas party.

King has been with the San Luis Obispo unit since October 1970, first as administrative officer and presently as operations officer. His career with the division began in 1939 in the same unit; he started as a seasonal fire fighter.

King served with the Coast Guard during World War II and in 1949 he returned to CDF as a firefighter foreman. Through the years promotions have taken him to Humboldt, Santa Cruz, San Benito-Monterey and back to San Luis Obispo.

King and his wife, Louise, reside in Arroyo Grande. They have a married daughter, Jackie.

### Gene Cummings

An obviously pleased Ranger *Gene Cummings*, operations officer of San Mateo-Santa Cruz Ranger Unit, is receiving congratulations on completing 25 years with the Division of Forestry.

Cummings' career started with the U. S. Forest Service in 1943 while attending school. In 1947 he became a fire truck driver for CDF and was promoted to assistant ranger in 1951.

For a short time in 1953, Cummings took up ranching, returning to CDF as a foreman in 1954. In 1955 he was again appointed assistant ranger, this time in Mendocino County. He filled the assistant superintendent position at Slack Canyon Conservation Camp in 1960 and in 1962 was appointed as the first superintendent of the then new Cuesta Conservation Camp at San Luis Obispo.

In 1970 Cummings was transferred to the Santa Cruz Ranger Unit and assumed the operations officer position upon consolidation of the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Ranger Unit in 1971.



### Jim Sigler



Fire Crew Foreman *James T. Sigler*, presently assigned to Humboldt Ecology Center, recently received his 25-year service award from Rangers Bill Jamieson of Humboldt Ranger Unit and Moe Estrada, the center director.

Sigler started as a fire fighter in San Diego in 1941; served in the Marine Corps during World War II and then returned to the division in 1946.



### Ordean Munsen

Ranger *Ordean Munsen*, operations officer, Butte Ranger Unit, receives his 25-year award at the Sierra Cascade ranger meeting held in December at Chico. Chief Deputy *Larry Richey* made the presentation.

## Personnel transactions

### Division of Forestry

**Transfers**--Robert K. Rice to Butte RU; Robin S. Hamelin to San Benito-Monterey RU; Robert C. Stone to Humboldt RU; Richard A. Morris and Noel Lockwood both to Mendocino RU.

**Promotions**--Lawrence E. Sadler, to FPO II - Tulare RU; Duncan D. Sparling to FPO II - San Luis Obispo RU; Ira A. Townsend to FPO II - Tehama-Glenn RU; Frank B. Lewis to FPO II - San Benito-Monterey RU; Edwin A. Hedding to FPO II - San Bernardino RU; Donald W. Paulsen to Ranger III at Sierra Cascade Hdqts; John Wiseman to FAE - Auburn; John G. Ward to FCF - Baseline CC.

Henry G. Stoddard to Captain - Madera-Mariposa RU; Jerry N. Olson, FCF to Pine Grove CC; William A. Clark to Captain - San Luis Obispo RU; Jimmie D. Draper to FCF - Parlin Fork CC; Robert J. Clark to FCF - Chamberlain Creek CC; Thomas E. Tarp to FCF - Konocti CC; Thomas Harris to FAE - San Bernardino RU; Peter T. Coe to FAE - Riverside RU; Gary I. Ungricht to FAE - Orange RU.

**Appointments**--Lloyd M. Limprecht to FAE - Shasta-Trinity RU; David Goldemburg, Thomas Gott, Donald E. Roza all fireman, CDF - San Luis Obispo RU; Stephen E. Blechman to FAE - Mendocino RU (returning from military leave); Kenneth P. Twardowski, Richard C. Tice, David H. Coop all Fireman, CDF - Orange RU.

**Separations**--Clayton L. Keller, Captain - Mendocino RU; Fred M. Jarred, HFEO - Mendocino RU; John D. Pearce, Captain - Shasta-Trinity RU.

**Retirements**--Lester F. Manchester, FAE - Central Coast District; Roy Moore, Carpenter I - Central Coast District; William A. Jamieson, Ranger IV - North Coast District.

### Division of Oil and Gas

**Transfers**--Rose C. Kirschner, Clerk Typist II - Department of Rehabilitation.

**Promotions**--Ruth D. Levey to Senior Account Clerk - Bakersfield.

**Appointments**--Virginia Anderson to Steno II - Long Beach.

**Separations**--Rachel Leader, Senior Account Clerk - Bakersfield.

## Executive and Management Services

**Transfers**--Joy Parker to Department of Consumer Affairs.

**Appointments**--Rose Miller to Steno II - Accounting Office, Sacramento.

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### Three in February

Three Division of Forestry employees will mark 25 years of service to the state in February: *Frank E. Crossfield*, ranger IV, Sonoma Ranger Unit; *Louis E. Donaldson*, heavy fire equipment operator, San Mateo-Santa Cruz Ranger Unit; and *Richard M. Walker*, ranger I, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Ranger Unit.

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# New forestry book

## 'Men to match the mountains'

Sacramento--"MEN TO MATCH THE MOUNTAINS," a new book by Lloyd Thorpe telling of the history and functions of the conservation camp program of the State Division of Forestry, was distributed last month to all administrative units of the division.

The title for the book, which will be reviewed more thoroughly in a later *Communique*, comes from an inscription above the entrance to State Office Building No. 1 here: "Bring Me Men to Match My Mountains."

Thorpe is a retired member of the staff of the Journal of Forestry and has had considerable experience in public relations, advertising, and free-lance writing. He has lived in many of the conservation camps and centers during the writing of this book; therefore, he speaks with first-hand knowledge of camp and fire-fighting operations.

The book, which was underwritten by the Departments of Youth Authority, Corrections and Conservation, covers the program through 1968 when restructuring was begun. Thorpe's style is readable for both the layman and the professional forester.

Individual copies of the book may be purchased from the Forest History

Society, Inc., P.O. Box 1581, Santa Cruz 95060, at \$8.75 per copy (California residents, please add the appropriate sales tax) plus 75 cents for postage and handling. If a personally autographed copy is desired, the same amount of money should be sent directly to the author, Lloyd Thorpe, 3031 N. E. 137th Street, Seattle, Washington 98125.

### Publications available

The following publications are available at the State Division of Forestry headquarters in Sacramento:

*PLANTATION CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA*--written by Robert Blanford and revised by Edward Martin in 1972. The earlier edition of this pamphlet had become a standard reference for those interested in growing Christmas trees. This updated revision covers new pest problems, air pollution damage, water management, marketing problems, and some of their innovative solutions.

*PRODUCTION OF CALIFORNIA TIMBER OPERATORS IN 1971*, State Forest Note No. 51--compiled by Dan Dotta of the state forester's staff. It states that California's timber production was 4,789,617,000 board feet. This is an increase of 6.34 per cent.

## Pilot Model No. 10 fire truck review

Sacramento--In keeping with the policy of state-wide review of each new prototype fire fighting unit, state forester's office equipment engineers have just completed the field pilot model review of four-wheel drive Pilot Model No. 10 fire fighting truck.

In brief, the Pilot Model No. 10 includes four-wheel drive, automatic transmission, hydraulic winch, six-man crew cab, stainless-steel tank and a 300-gallon-a-minute centrifugal pump powered by a V-4 industrial engine.

More information concerning field evaluation of the Pilot Model No. 10 will be available for the March issue of *Communique*, according to Equipment Engineer Walter Harkness.

## Bud Wolfram has first pest control license

Fresno--H. W. (Bud) Wolfram, range and watershed specialist for the CDF's South Sierra district, has obtained the division's first agricultural pest control advisors license under a strict new state law regulating pesticide consultants.

Wolfram recently passed a comprehensive qualifying examination covering laws, rules, regulations, safety and first aid pertaining to the broad use of pesticides.

He also plans to acquire additional licenses this year covering defoliation, plant growth regulators and weed control advisory services.

Although the state statute specifically exempts special public employees from licensing requirements, Wolfram chose to earn his advisory authority instead of acquiring it only for state tenure.

## 'Scared to death for six years'

From the Inyo Register

Bishop, Inyo Co.--Capt. Ken Warren, U. S. Air Force reserve officer and senior clerk at Inyo Ecology Center, was recently awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre--some 27 years late.

Warren also received the Belgian Fourragere for his services in the Ardennes Campaign--Battle of the Bulge--during World War II. He was cited for having delivered vital codes and ciphers to the First Army in 1944 by making his way through enemy lines in the snow-covered forests of Belgium.

Capt. Warren had previously been awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for his actions. In addition, he last week received word from Netherlands government officials he would receive the Medal of Merit and the Orange Lanyard for his action in assisting Prince Bernhard--husband of the queen--into exile in Great Britain during Nazi occupation.

When questioned about his war experiences, Warren said, "I was scared to death every day for over six years; still am! Everyone I was associated with was a

hero. When I was flying, I belied in two aircraft because I was too afraid to bail out."

Capt. Warren, whose flight log is just a few hours short of 3,000 hours of military flight time, plans to quit after reaching the three grand mark. "There are old pilots and bold pilots--but no old, bold pilots."

## Examination calendar Division of Forestry

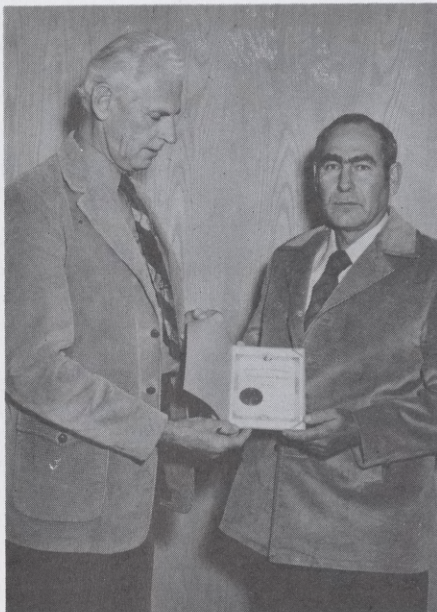
Class	Final filing date	Exam date
Fire apparatus engineer	Feb. 16	March 10

No examinations scheduled with a final filing date of Feb. 1, 1973, or later for Division of Mines and Geology, Division of Oil and Gas, Division of Resource Conservation or Executive Management Services.



# Albertus presents Central Coast District awards

Monterey--Busy, busy, busy--that was Assistant Deputy Carl Albertus as he presented several awards in various categories to different men at a recent Central Coast District rangers meeting here.

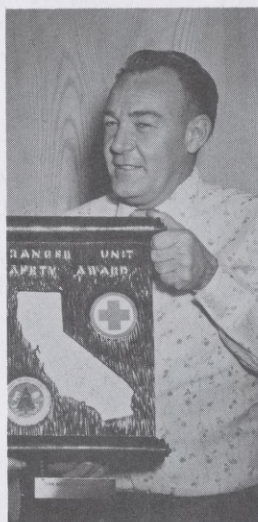


The first award was a 25-year pin and certificate to Ranger James H. Dulitz of San Luis Obispo, who started his career in 1947 as an assistant ranger in Tulare. He served as ranger in Southern California District headquarters, in Orange, in district headquarters here, and then in 1958 he became ranger at San Luis Obispo.

Edward T. Dowling, business manager of the Central Coast District business office, received a belated merit award for one of the many suggestions he developed on the complicated 84-hour work-week reporting.



Ranger Al Filippini accepts his award for both Slack Canyon and Cuesta Camps for having the lowest number of injuries per man-hours worked in the district's Conservation Camp Program in 1971. He was the ranger of Slack until his recent move to become ranger of Cuesta.



San Mateo-Santa Cruz Ranger John Odgers accepted the coveted Central Coast District Ranger Unit safety award for the lowest frequency rate of injuries per million man-hours worked in 1971.

## Goodier attends Fresno meeting

By L. Ernest Moberg  
Division Correspondent

Fresno--Division Chief Robert Goodier attended the January 9 meeting of the State Resource Conservation Commission held here in conjunction with the annual convention of the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts.

He was accompanied by Bill Leaf, assistant chief; Mrs. Carol Thomas, secretary; and Ernie Moberg, economist, who presented an evaluation of the relative activity of the 153 resource conservation districts in California.

In response to the association theme "The Awakening Giant," the commission's report was a timely topic to start the week-long convention. The method of a weighted rating system and bar charts showing relative activity of each district was discussed, and Moberg's displays were left up for the remainder of the convention.

### Erosion Control Handbook

Perry Amimoto, division geologist, reports that the draft copy of the Erosion Control Handbook has been completed. After staff review the draft will be sent to the Environmental Quality Committee of the County Supervisors Association of California.

The association, which is co-sponsoring the report, has requested that the Environmental Quality Committee review the draft copy prior to final editing and printing of the report.

## CDF's management unit reorganized

Sacramento--The Division of Forestry's management services section has been reorganized and retitled.

The new unit will be known as the Manpower, Fiscal and Materiel Services Section. Deputy State Forester Melvin Pomponio remains in charge.

Several functions of the Personnel Program Development Unit, disbanded with the departure of former Assistant to the Director Bill Drohan and former Personnel Program Development Officer John Swanson, will be handed by the new CDF section.

In addition, the division's training functions will become part of the new section under the supervision of Ranger

Geoff Snow, who formerly was the training officer. Under Snow will be Cash Hooper, safety officer; the Fire Academy, with Bob Paulus continuing to be in charge; and John (Buck) Oneto, in charge of special manpower programs. Oneto was employment opportunities officer under the departmental PPDU function.

Assistant Deputy H. P. Reinecker heads the fiscal and operational services unit in the new structure. Management Analyst Pat Patridge heads internal communications services. Leo Tamamian, a consultant, is acting head of the materiel services unit.



## *A message from the director*

*A well-trained and motivated work force is essential to the efficient and effective performance of the goals and objectives of the Department of Conservation.*

This preamble summarizes a policy letter I have issued concerning career development activities within this department. The letter goes on to say:

*In addition to recruiting and selecting a competent work force, attention must be given to the continuing development and improvement of this work force during their career in the department.*

*It is the policy of this department to encourage the career development of all employees through such programs as:*

*1--the development of on-going management development training to improve the managerial skills, knowledges and abilities of existing and potential management personnel.*

*2--The development of on-going technical training in the various subject areas required by the mission of each division in the department.*

*3--The development of plans for rotational assignments within classes and training and development assignments among organizational units to broaden the background and experience of employees.*

I have charged each division chief with overall responsibility for this program within his division.

### *Bill and John*

Elsewhere in this issue you will read that the department has lost the services of Bill Drohan and John Swanson as our team of specialist in employee relations matters. Our loss is a gain for the state, for Bill and John have undertaken a new assignment as employee relations advisors to all state departments. They will work with Jim Stearns, the secretary for Agriculture & Services and my predecessor in the directorship.

John, who served the Department of Conservation for many years, as personnel officer and personnel program development officer guided numerous

programs--the forestry medical standards project, for one--to fruition.

Bill is a relative newcomer to state service: he came to the department in April 1970, but he certainly is no newcomer to the ranks of employee relations, for he served many years as a labor union executive.

Although we will miss the immediate availability of Bill and John, we can take comfort in the fact that their talents are now available to all state agencies.

### *Code of Fair Practices*

I have reaffirmed this department's support of the California Code of Fair Practices. This is the code enacted by Gov. Reagan on Oct. 1, 1971.

Sufficient copies of the code are available for all employees of the Department of Conservation. Although the code and its message are not new, I recommend it as worthwhile reading.

For example, the governor makes this observation:

*Time and experience have proven that laws and edicts are not enough. Justice demands that every citizen consciously adopt and accentuate a personal public commitment to affirmative action which will make equal opportunity a reality.*

### *Lawrence H. Hustedt*

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lawrence H. Hustedt as special representative in the Department of Conservation.

Hustedt's assignments will be evolving as his orientation of the department's programs progresses.

Hustedt comes to the department with a wide background in engineering, construction and land development experience and he has been associated with the Boulder Creek Fire Protection Dist. in Santa Cruz County as assistant fire chief.

*Ray B Hunter*



The Personnel Office staff, represented here by Gloria Deroo and Jennifer Lawson, put together the winning entry in a impromptu holiday decoration contest sponsored by Director Ray Hunter.

The "highlight" of the entry--a tiny toy puppy named "Happy"--had already "gone home" before the photographer could do his part.

--Photo by Terry Bennett